

Minister's State of the Union - Leeann Tourtillott
Sept 20th Town Hall

Interim Ministry -

Jan Rocks and I, Leeann Tourtillott, assumed the Minister's position as of July 1. Jan and Leeann are working out who does what, when and how to communicate the day to day business pieces, there are bumps but why wouldn't there be? The allotted 5 hours for Jan is sufficient. I, Leeann, feel comfortable with finding my own balance of hours spent and meeting celebration and other goals for the minister position.

Celebration Planning is happening, Steering Circle is happening, (all of this w/o Kathleen?!)

General CIC business -

Jan Rocks his now Call Shepherd.

Over the summer our office was organized and purged. What a tremendous blessing. Pat Starzyk, Dick Hauser and Trina Bishop did it in a couple stabs. They went through the closet. Dick did one file drawer, Pat did another, Trina did the book case, though she tells me they could use a bit more organization. A fair bit of material was recycled and i can tell you there is plenty left! It has been suggested that we repeat this call/job every summer thus becoming less of a chore and facilitating easier access when it becomes even better organized.

Also over the summer several members stepped up to being on call Chaplains during times i was away, thanks to; Karen Lohman, Karen Tvedt, Zoe Daily and Jo Curtz.

We had a lovely time at Flort Flagler and good attendance, averaging 40 people per night. We cancelled the campground and i feel we should consider not using it for now as it is not well utilized and expensive.

Thanks to Miriam and Nika, for being willing to work on the fruit sale. We would love to have another one or two people help them.

TUCO -

Jan and i have visited TUCO and the staff here a couple times and feel we have a good relationship with them. Evie has also interacted with the staff here. They appreciate us taking ownership of caring for the building in the form of landscape care and work party participation. It feels good to just come see them in person, to have an actual presence in their day to day office time.

One of the Children's rooms has been outfitted for a class that TUCO is sponsoring that was described to me a "Christian Montessori". Because they have purchased a lot of materials they are now locking that room and not allowing access to any other groups. Little ones are now in the "Blue Room" and no longer have the toys they used to use. We have a locked double cabinet in this room for materials.

The folks here at TUCO were really pleased with the clean up effort of Sept 12th and thought that they would be getting the floors in the basement waxed very soon which will make it easier to keep clean. They are hiring new janitorial service and are looking for someone who can work

during weekday daylight hours.

TUCO is now using a coded door and trying to recall all the keys. CIC has one code. Using the code means they know electronically which organization accessed the building and when.

My outreach/study-

I have met with Tammy Stampfli, current Interim minister for TUCO and a Reverend trained specifically in interim minister. She has shared resources and perspectives on Interim ministering with me.

I have also reached out to Rev. Michael Denton who has served as Conference Minister of the Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Church of Christ since 2008. He had a lot to say about interim ministry as distinct from the interim time. I also asked him about growing a church community and he had excellent information on that as well.

I am happy to discuss their conversations with anyone interested.

I am spending time doing 1:1 visits with some of our members and attending some small group functions. (Tuesday meditation, Dinner Out, Women's Circle)

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